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SCOPE OF THIS THESIS.

A corporation in the City of Chicago has at present two buildings located within the loop district. One of these buildings is devoted to office use; the other to light manufacturing and jobbing concerns. It is proposed that a new building will be erected to be devoted to manufacturing purposes, its location being on the Chicago River. See Map. The power for lighting and operating the elevators in the two buildings mentioned is purchased from a central station. A low pressure steam heating system furnishes heat for both buildings.

The economical questions are: First, will it pay to operate the three buildings as one unit, i.e., with a plant located in the new building; Second, what will be the cost of such a plant; Third, the probable revenue to be derived; and Fourth, the cost of operation.

Operation of three buildings as one unit.

Under the present method of operation the following help is employed: A Chief Engineer, one Assistant Engineer and two fremen; this is for the winter months. Through the summer months when the heating system is not in use the firemen can be dispensed with, as the Assistant Engineer can tend the hot water fire during the day and the night watchman at night. With one large plant the above help increased by one assistant engineer, one fireman and one oiler, is ample for operation at all times. Also ewing to the fact that all labor and fuel are at one point, operation will be cheaper than with two smaller plants. As the plant would be near the river the car be operated condensing with high economy through the summer months. The tunnel of the Illinois Tunnel Company to the other building affords an easy means for transmission of steam and electric current.

Description of Plant.

The plant consists of water tube boilers fed by chain grate stokers, overhead coal bunkers, and coal and ash handling machinery. High speed compound engines running condensing direct connected to direct current generators. Coal will be delivered through the tunnel or by wagons direct to storage bin without extra handling.

Estimated Cost of Plant.

The plant is estimated to cost \$60,000. of which amount \$46,000. is required for the electric plant and \$4,000. for heating.



Estimated Annual Gross Revenue.

It is expected that all light and motive power required by the tenants will be furnished by this plant. The estimated amount of current from which a revenue can be derived is 420,000 kilowatt hours. Computing this at a metered rate of 10% per kilowatt hour, with a rebate of 1% per kilowatt hour for prompt payment, i.e., 9% gives \$37,800. This price of 9% per kilowatt is the rate at which the Commonwealth Edison Co. furnishes current for individual lighting.

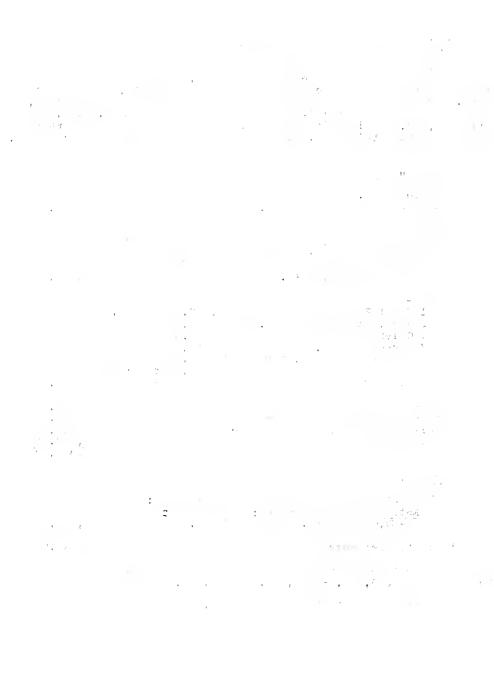
Estimated Cost to Operate Plant.

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and	Interest 4.5%, Depreciation 5% insurance taxes $2\% = 11-1/2\%$ on \$60,000.	\$6,900.00
	Fuel - 845,000 KW hrs. @ 8# 3380 tons Standby losses 1-1/2 tons per day 548 3928 tons @ \$1.50 + .50 =	7,856.00
	Labor - 1 Chief Engineer 2 Asst. Engineers © \$85.00 170.00 1 Oiler 70.00 3 Firemen © \$75.00 1 Helper for Bldgs. "A" & "B" 75.00 Labor for 12 months	h 8,280.00 300.00 350.00 400.00 2,000.00 26,086.00
	Revenue. The estimated revenue will be as follows: Estimated Gross Revenue: (See page 28) 420,000 KW Hrs. @ 97 per KW hr.	37,800.00
	Estimated Net Revenue	11,714.00

Investment in plant other than that required

Return on investment of \$46,000. = 25%

for heating = \$60,000. - \$14,000. = \$46,000.



DETAILED EXHIBIT.

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The following pages contain a more detailed Exhibit.

Respectfully submitted ,

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Design of a Power Plant.

With the location given the design of a power plant can be divided into two general parts: first the requirements, and second the design of the apparatus to meet the requirements.

The requirements of a power plant are, - that it shall furnish at all times a stated amount of power in some form as light, heat or refrigeration, or that it can furnish power direct as electric current for conversion. for either individual or commercial use.

The design of a power plant in general depends upon the form of energy desired. Individually the design is broad and variable, being influenced by many factors, such as accessibility to fuels, kinds of fuel and their costs, availability of water supply and its purity. The most important factor is the load, for upon this the efficiency of the plant is based. When the load is constant and at full rating the highest efficiency can be obtained, but with a variable load and at low rating the efficiency falls off and operation becomes costly.

The plant under consideration has been designed to meet the requirements of typical office and light manufacturing buildings, and will furnish light, heat and power. Owing to the location of this plant it is expected that power can be sold, and to this end reserve power has been installed.

The plant will operate condensing during the summer months, while in the winter the exhaust steam will be used for heating the buildings. All power necessary for operating elevators and such appliances as the buildings may contain will be furnished by this plant. Also itis in ended to furnish the lighting and motor power to the tenants of the buildings.

The power generators willbe four High Speed Engines direct, connected to direct current generators, as follows:

Unit # 1
75 H.P. Simple with 50 K W Generator
Unit #2

150 H.P. Compound with 100 K W Generator Units #3 and #4

225 H. P. Compound with 150 K W Generator

A condenser of the surface type will be used in conjunction with Unit #2, #3 or #4.

Four boilers will be installed in batteries of two boilers each, they will be water tube type, fed by chain grates, each boiler being 250 H.P. to contain 2500 sq. ft. of heating surface and operate a steam pressure of 160# per square inch. The grates will have an

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area of 63 sq. ft., being 9 feet long by 7 feet wide.

The furnace has been designed for a low grade Illinois coal "Springfield District" and with the large tile roof will insure smokeless combustion. In the floor of the combustion chamber is a small opening that connects with the ash hopper and affords an easy method of removing the light ashes. Sufficient room has been allowed in front of the boilers for removal of tubes and stoking grates in case of repairs. Each battery of boilers enclosed a building column, but at a distance sufficient to allow for an air space around the column. The piping has been arranged with the view of being easy of access, runways being provided over the boilers and along the steam header.

Provision has been made for the delivery of coal by wagons or through the Illinois Tunnel, the floor of the boiler room being at the tunnel grade.

Coal received by the tunnel may be delivered in front of the boilers for hand firing, or dumped into a hopper from which a bucket conveyer will carry it either to overhead bunkers or to the storage bin. Coal received by wagons will be dumped directly into the storage bin, from where it will be fed into the bucket conveyer, thence to bunkers, or by hand carts to the front of the boilers. The ashes will be elevated to the ash bin from which it may be drawn off into the tunnel cars or into a push cart, and taken by an elevator to the surface.

Water from the heating systems in Buildings "A" and "B" will be returned to the plant by means of a centrifugal pump direct, connected to a D. C. motor. The pump will be located at about tunnel grade in Building "A" with its suction attached to a tank conveniently located.

Two duplex boilers feed pumps of the ram pattern are to be installed, the dimensions being 7-1/2" x 5" x 6".

An open type of feed water heater will be used, the exhaust steam from the boiler feed pumps, the condenser pump and the stoker engines being used for heating.

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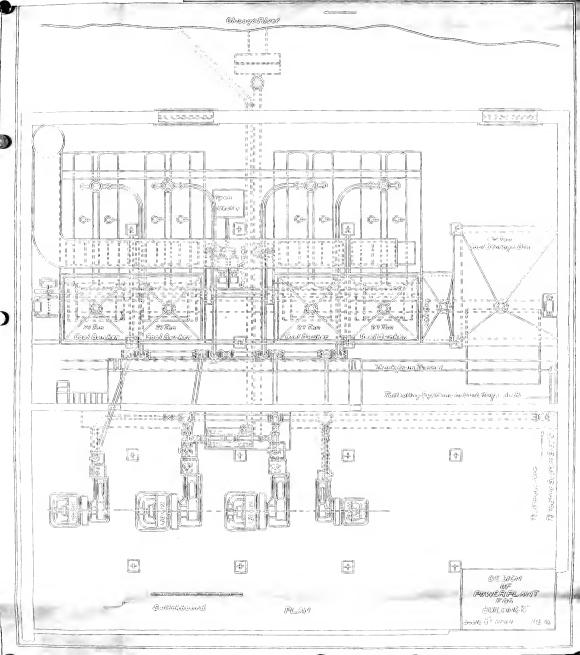
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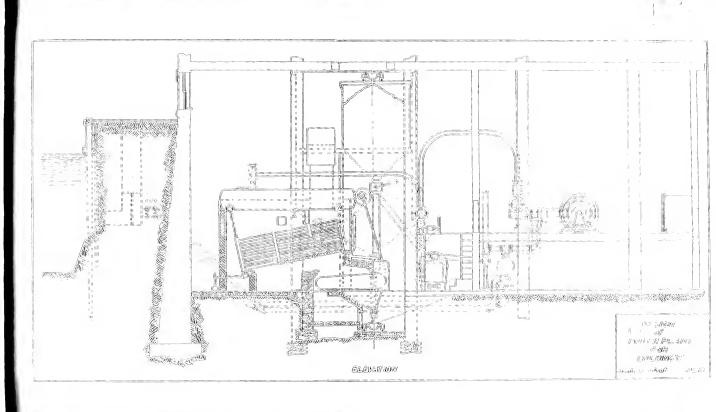
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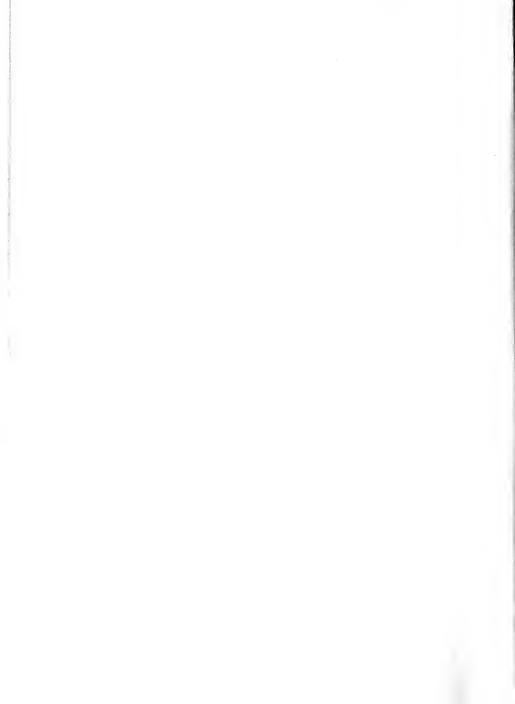
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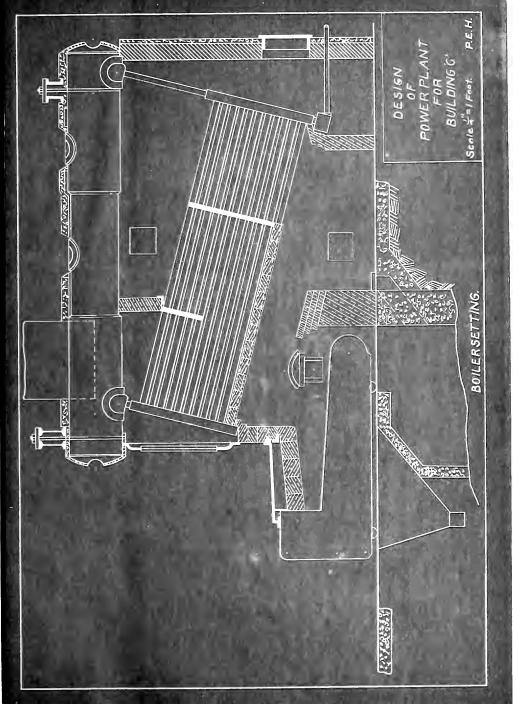
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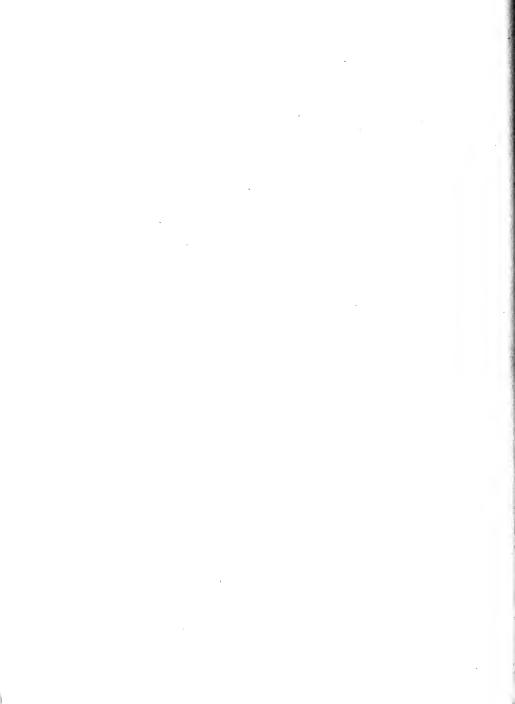


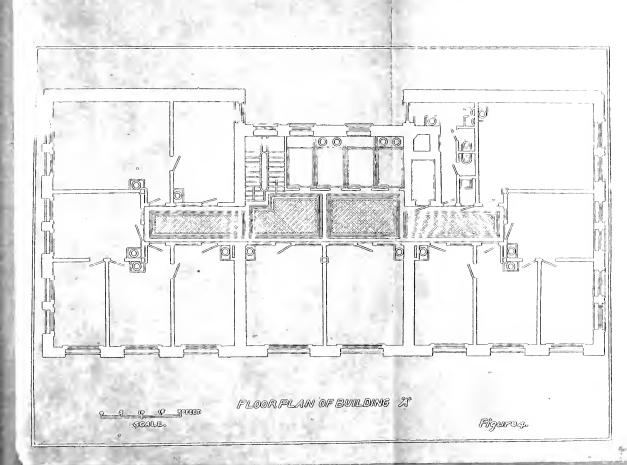




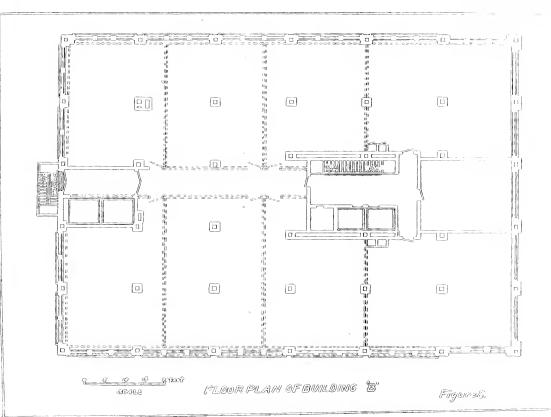




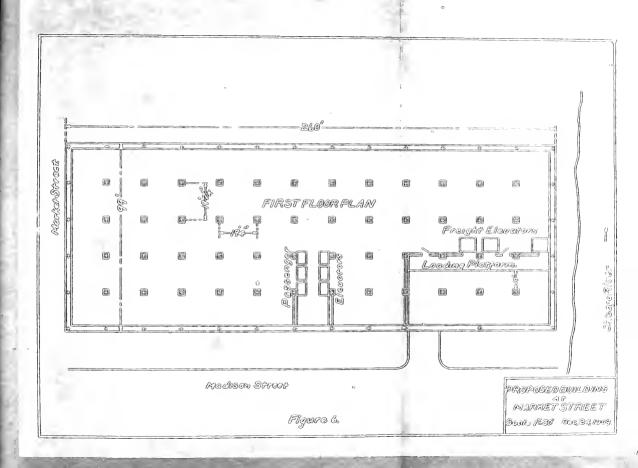


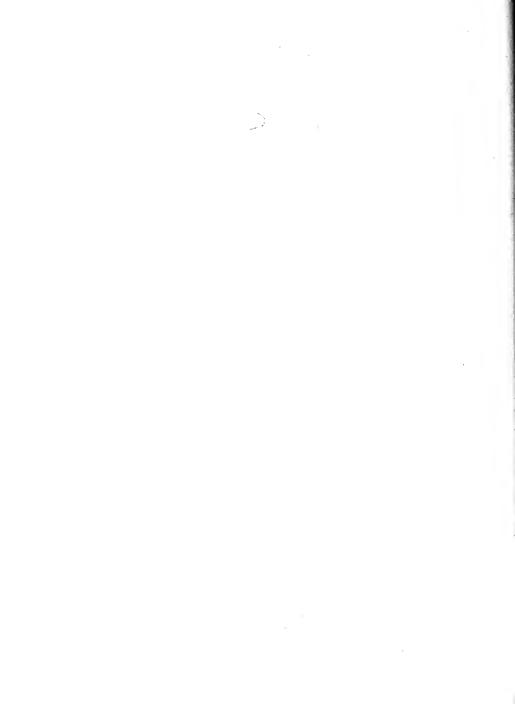


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GENERAL DATA

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Glass Surface in Sq. Ft.			
North Exposure	3349	6321	16435
West "	5143	5174	7350
South "	3369	9177	16170
East "	4600	3929	7525
Wall Exposure			
exclusive of glass			
in sq. ft. North Expeure	3572.6	8979	20316
West "	10422.8	5230	6378
South #	3552.6	6123	20581
East "	10965.8	6475	6203
Total Wall Exposure			
Glass Equivalent	20535	00500	55407
in Sq. Ft.	20035	28572	55473
Cubic Feet of Air			
in Building	748682	1372804	4234208
Type of Heating System	Steam Vacuum	Steam Vacuum	Steam Vacuum
Radiation in Sq. Ft.	5062	7042	13672

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Determination of Radiating Surface for Heating.

The overall dimensions of the buildings were taken, thus giving the total area in square feet of the walls. From the area of each wall was deducted the area of all the openings in the wall, the openings being considered as glass. These areas are all noted according to their exposure; as North, South, East and West walls. The radiating surface was determined from these areas by means of a formula by Professor Carpenter, and is as follows:

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Building "A"

Exposed Area In Glass Equivalent.

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Building "C"

Exposed Area In Glass Equivalent.

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Radiating Surface.

Building "A"

From Carpenter on "Heating and Ventilation" we have the following formula!

B (t - t₁) = C (T - t)R or
$$R = \frac{B(t - t_1)}{C(T - t)}$$

Where: t₁ = Outside Temperature = 0° t¹ = Room * = 70°

= 70°

T = Steam = 212 °

B = Sq. Ft. of exposed area in glass equivalent

R = Radiating Surface in Sq. Ft.

C = Heat Units per Sq. Ft. per degree per hour from radiating surface

 $R = \frac{20535(70-0)}{2(212-70)} = 5062$ Sq.Ft. or 1437450 BTU per hour in zero weather

As the mean cold temperature is about 35° only 1/2 this heat is necessary, or 718725 BTU per hour.

Building "B"

 $R = \frac{28572(70-0)}{2(212-70)} = 7042 \text{ Sq. Ft. or 2,000,000 BTU per hour in zero weat}$

As the mean cold temperature is about 35° only 1/2 this heat is necessary, or 1,000,000 BTU per houe.

Building "C"

 $R = \frac{55473(70-0)}{2(212-70)} = 13672 \text{ Sq. Ft. or } 3883110 \text{ BTU per hour in zero weath}$

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Additional Heat Necessary Due To Ventilation.

Allowing: - two changes of air per hour. That one BTU will neat 55 cu. ft. one degree. That two BTU are radiated per sq. ft. of radiating surface per degree difference per hour. That the temperature rise is from 35° to 70° F.

Building "A"

Cubic contents of building = 748682 cu. ft.

 $\frac{35 \times 748682 \times 2}{55} = 952868 \text{ BTU}$

Steam.

BTU supplied per hour (1437450 + 952668) = 2390318Available heat per pound steam @ $212^\circ = 970$ BTU 2390318 + 970 = 2464# steam in zero weather, or 1723# in ordinary weather.

Building "B"

Cubic contents of building = 1372804 cu. ft.

 $\frac{35 \times 1372804 \times 2}{55} = 1747223 \text{ BTU}$

Steam.

BTU supplied per hour (2,000,000 + 1747223) = 3747263Available heat per pound steam @ $212^\circ = 970$ BTU $3747263 \div 970 = 3862\#$ steam in zero weather, or 2832# in ordinary weather.

Building "C"

Cubic contents of building = 4234208 cu. ft.

 $\frac{35 \times 4234208 \times 2}{55} = 5388992 \text{ BTU}$

Steam.

BTU supplied per hour (3683110 + 5388992) = 9272102Available heat per pound steam @ $212^\circ = 970$ BTU 9272102 + 970 = 9559# steam in zero weather, or 7557# in ordinary weather. Allo F to the State of the The said that the

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Steam Consumed in Early Morning Heating

Winter Season

In the present day office building the steam is generally in the heating system until nine o'clock in the evening. At this time the building is closed and as the doors and windows are all shut, the temperature of the building will fall quite slowly, and except in extreme cold weather will not be below 50° F. by six o'clock in the morning, at Which time live steam is turned into the heating system. Assuming this to be the case it is then necessary to heat a volume of air equal to the cubi contents of the buildings from 50° F. to 70° F. This heating is to be done from six to eight o'clock in the morning with live steam, and will be assumed to be 5° in each half hour; or the rate per hour at which the steam must be supplied will be as follows:

The total cubic contents = 6355694 cu. ft.

Allow one air change per hour

Allow that one B.T.U. will raise the temperature 55 cu. ft.

one degree.

Steam required to raise this volume from 50° to 70° is:

$$\frac{2 \times 6355694}{55} \times \frac{20}{970} = 4766 \#$$

To raise this volume from 55° to 70° requires:

$$\frac{2 \times 6355694}{55} \times \frac{15}{970} = 3574\#$$

To raise this volume from 60° to 70° requires:

$$\frac{2 \times 6355694}{55} \times \frac{10}{970} = 2383\#$$

To raise the volume from 65° to 70° requires:

$$\frac{2 \times 6355694}{55} \times \frac{5}{970} = 1192\#$$

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HOURLY STEAM CONSUMPTION FROM DAILY LOAD CURVES. Summer Season.

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5	3	225	106	15.8	3560
6	3	225	127	16.8	3780
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7	2	150	100	16	2400
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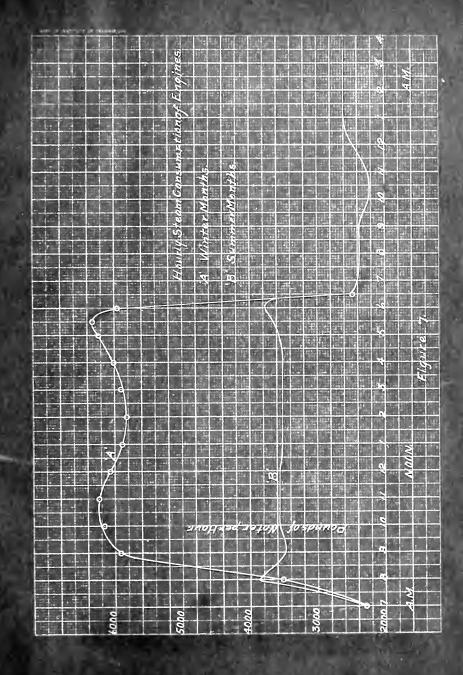
HOURLY STEAM CONSUMPTION FROM DAILY LOAD CURVES. Winter Season

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6:30 PM to 5:00 AM - - Conditions as for Summer load.

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Size of Pipe to Carry Steam to Buildings "A" and "B".

From Kent we have the following formula:

$$Q = 60 \times .7854 \times 50 D^2 \left\{ \frac{144 (p_1 - p_2) D}{WL} \right\}^{1/2}$$

Where:

 p_1 = initial pressure of steam p_2 = final w of steam \mathbf{W}^2 = weight per cu. ft. of steam at \mathbf{p}_2

D = diameter of pipe in feet L = length of pipe in feet

Q = quantity of steam flowing per minute in cu. ft.

Weight of steam necessary 6326# per hour = 2775 cu. ft. per minute.

$$2775 = 2356 \text{ D}^{5/2} \left(\frac{144 (25 15)}{.0614 \times 1162} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$D^{5/2} = \frac{2775}{10555} \text{ or } D^5 = \frac{2}{.2629}$$

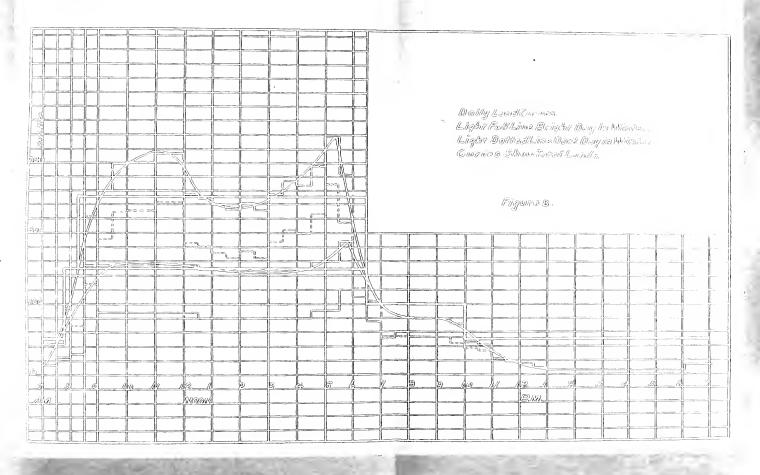
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Size Of Electrical Units.

In this determination two load curves, one for a bright day and one for a dark, foggy day, both in winter time, were obtained from an office building where conditions were similar to these to be considered. The ordinates of these curves were effected by the ratio of the rentable floor area of the building to which the curves applied, to the rentable floor area of the building under consideration This gives two loads; they are for the lighting only, and to each was added the power necessary to operate the elevators. The two curves thus constructed are assumed to be maximum daily conditions for summer and winter months.

From these curves of maximum conditions the electrical units were determined and arranged to carry the load the most economically.

Size of Steam Units.

Allow an efficiency of 95% in the electrical units and an efficiency of 90% for the steam units.

1 K W = 1000 Watts
1 H P =
$$746$$

Therefore $\frac{1000}{746}$ = 1.34 Electrical horsepower

1.34 + 5% = 1.407 Brake horsepower 1.407 + 10% = 1.55 Indicated horsepower

Or roughly add 50% to the rated capacty of the electric unit expressed in kilowatts for the indicated horsepower of the steam unit.

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Economy of The Steam Units.

These curves of engine economy are deductions from similar curves taken from "The Economy Factors in Steam Power Plants" by Geo. W. Hawkins.

Hourly Steam Consumption.

The curves of hourly steam consumption were plotted from the load curves and engine economy curves, i.e., for each hour of day from the load curve was taken the per cent. of full load at which the units were operating. With this percentage from the economy curve is found the water rate of the particular steam unit. These values multiplied by the horsepower of the unit gives the steam consumption per hour.

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Estimate of the Electrical Current Consumed In Buildings "A". "B" & "C".

Lighting for Tenants -

This estimate is computed on the basis of the rented floor area. The data was obtained on a typical office building; one which furnished its tenants with electrical current for lighting.

The actual current consumed by the tentants divided by the

The actual current consumed by the tentants divided by the total area of rentable floor space gives the current necessary for lighting per sq. foot.

Lighting for Halls -

The total area of floor space less the rented area is considered as halls; and as above the current used for lighting this area divided by the area gives the current necessary for lighting per sq. foot of halls.

Current for Elevators -

The current consumed in Buildings "A" and "B" is known, the meter readings having been obtained from the engineer in charge. The current for Building "C" was estimated from that consumed in Building "A", the method used being that for estimating the lighting.

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Estimate Of Electric Current Consumed Per Year.

Building	For Tenants Light & Power	House
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47275 sq.ft. @ 733 Watts sq.ft. 15764 " " "1520 " " "	34653 KW Hrs.	23961 KW Hrs.
₩B ₩		
88926 sq.ft.@ 733 Watts sq.ft 12126 " " " " 1520 " "	. 65183 KW Hrs.	18432 KW Hrs.
₩C ₩		
259056 sq.ft.@ 733 Watts sq.ft 86352 " " " 1520 " " " For Motor lead:		131255 KW Hrs.
259056 sq. ft.@ 500 Watts "	129525	
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Total to be generated		844635 KW Hrs.

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Data On Elevators.

Bldg.	Oper		Stop- ping Time	Hours per Day	Time fo Single Trip	r Trips per Day	Sing le Trips per year	Current consump- ticn per year	-consumo tion
"A" Sunday only	1 2 1	7:00 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	10PM 6 PM 1 PM	15 20.5 4	50 % 50 % 50 %	28 8	66800) 18720) 85520	8032 KW	Watts
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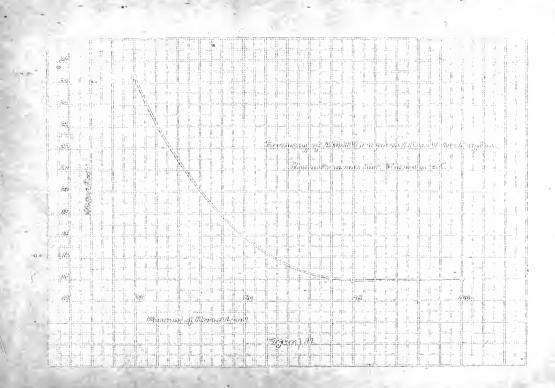
Estimate of Cost of Power Plant Equipment.

4 - 250 H.P. water two boilers, sectional header, in place 11000.00 4 - chain grate stokers each 7 ft. x 9 ft. = 63 sq. ft.						
with two engines, shafting, pulleys, etc., in place - 3780.00 Boiler foundations 1000.00						
Boiler settings						
4 coal bunkers 2000.00 7976.00						
Chimney, steel lined 72" x 200 ft 4200.00						
Breaching 800.00						
Heater 600.00						
2 feed pumps - ram pattern 750.00						
Engines and generators, horizontal high speed direct connected to 220 volt d. c. Generators:						
1 - 75 H.P simple Engine1130.00 1 - 50 K W generator 1000.00 1 - 150 H.P. compound engine - 2100.00 1 - 100 K W generator 1500.00 2 - 225 H.P. Compound engines - 5500.00						
2 - 150 K W generator 5000.00 16230.00						
l surface condenser with vacuum pump and circulating pump Piping, steam, exhaust and water, in place 4000.00						
Miscellaneous and engineering 10% 5454.00						
\$ 59990.00 Cost per K W \$ 133.00 Cost per boiler H.P. 60.00						

Note: The above estimated cost p. KW. is not unreasonable as about one-half of the boiler plant investment (or about \$14,000.) is required for heating, making the cost of the electric plant \$46,000. or \$102.00 per KW.

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